

Introduced by Senator Calderon

August 31, 2009

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to the CHP Officer David M. Romero Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 57, as introduced, Calderon. The CHP Officer David M. Romero Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 60 in Los Angeles County as the CHP Officer David M. Romero Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer David
2 M. Romero was born on April 2, 1958, in West Covina, California;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, His parents were Gregory and Marina Romero,
5 and his siblings were Greg Romero, Lydia Huard, and Sylvia
6 Romero; and
7 WHEREAS, Officer Romero attended Los Altos High School
8 in Hacienda Heights, California, and graduated in June 1976, after
9 which he attended Rio Hondo College in Whittier, California; and
10 WHEREAS, Prior to working for the CHP, Officer Romero
11 worked in the service department for a Chevrolet dealer in the city
12 of La Puente; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Romero was selected for the cadet position
2 and entered the CHP Academy on January 11, 1982. Upon
3 graduation from the CHP Academy on May 27, 1982, Officer
4 Romero, badge number 10116, was assigned to the Santa Fe
5 Springs Area Office as a motorcycle officer; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Romero also served in the Riverside Area
7 Office before transferring back to the Santa Fe Springs Area,
8 serving the State of California as a CHP Officer for 23 years and
9 4 months; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Romero was married to Sandra Leanos in
11 1993 and had five wonderful children: Austin, Windsor, Victor,
12 Vanessa, and David Dion; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Romero was killed in the line of duty on
14 September 23, 2005. While, stopped at a red light on his
15 departmental motorcycle in the City of Industry, he was rear-ended
16 by a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, driven by an
17 intoxicated driver; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Romero was a dedicated officer who loved
19 his job and enjoyed the people he worked with. He was a wonderful
20 father and husband and his greatest joys in life were his wife and
21 children. In his spare time, Officer Romero enjoyed playing
22 elaborate pranks on coworkers and taking his family on annual
23 adventures in Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, Many admired Officer Romero for the love he
25 showed for his family and the pride he demonstrated in being a
26 CHP Officer; and

27 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Romero's ultimate
28 sacrifice for the residents of this state, it is appropriate to dedicate
29 a portion of State Highway Route 60 in Los Angeles County in
30 his memory; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
33 portion of State Highway Route 60 eastbound from State Highway
34 Route 605 (Mile Post Marker 11.71) to Hacienda Boulevard (Mile
35 Post Marker 15.93) and westbound from Hacienda Boulevard
36 (Mile Post Marker 15.96) to State Highway Route 605 (Mile Post
37 Marker 11.59) in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer
38 David M. Romero Memorial Highway; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
40 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent

1 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
2 showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations
3 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
4 be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
6 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and the author
7 for appropriate distribution.

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